

RECREATIONAL HUNTING

1. All hunting for game birds, furbearers, mountain lions, and varmints, is permitted and regulated on White Sands Missile Range, hereinafter referred to as the Range, in accordance with this guidance, White Sands Missile Range Regulation (WSMRR) 190-1, and the White Sands Missile Range Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. Where applicable, this guidance also applies to big game hunting for deer, Oryx, pronghorn, and other big game species that occur on the Range. Big game hunting policies are primarily covered in WSMRR 190-1.
2. All hunting on the Range shall comply with New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) regulations, state and federal laws, Army regulations, and Range policies and regulations. Professional guides/outfitters are prohibited from all forms of hunting on the Range. Hunting is authorized only during those seasons and for those species identified in the current NMDGF proclamation and only designated in areas under this guidance. Hunting areas have been designated to avoid known UXO hazards. Hunters must remember that all areas of the Range potentially contain hazardous items. Hunters are required to follow existing safety and UXO procedures.
3. Authorization to hunt on the Range is granted only to DoD personnel and Range contractors who possess a Range security badge for uprange access. Range hunting permits are issued to authorized hunters by the White Sands Law Enforcement and Security Directorate (SD) at building 384. Hunting permits will be issued to individuals with the appropriate security badge and required NMDGF hunting licenses. SD will provide hunt maps, hunting policies, and hunting restrictions to each Range hunter upon issuance of their hunting permit. Hunters are authorized to hunt only in those areas (Units 1 through 9) identified on the map as open to hunting. Areas identified as hazardous are closed to hunting.
4. Permitted hunters may be accompanied by up to three guests. Requests for authorization to hunt as a guest is granted only to U.S. citizens. Permitted hunters will be required to pre-register guests prior to the scheduled hunting activity. Only approved guests will be allowed to accompany permitted hunters. Guest hunters are also required to comply with all federal and state law concerning their activities while on the Range. Guests are the responsibility of the permitted hunter while on the Range. All guests, prior to being allowed access to the Range, are required to complete approved UXO hazards training. Permitted hunters are required to brief their guests on UXO hazards using the UXO/Range Hazards card or the "For Your Safety" UXO brochure. Guests must read and sign two (2) copies of the Commander's Range Hazards Orientation letter, one copy for Range records, and one copy to be retained by the guest. Guests are also required to sign a release and hold harmless agreement. The hold harmless agreement and the Range copy of the orientation letter must be submitted with the guest pre-registration list.
5. Hunting is authorized only on a non-interference basis during weekends, holidays, and Range non-duty days. The Range may be closed to anyone hunting in any area at any time. All hunters are responsible for checking with SD on Range closures. Hunting hours are from sunrise to sunset. All hunters are required to exit the Range within one hour after sunset except lion hunters who must exit the Range within two hours after sunset. All hunting parties entering the Range are required to carry and monitor an operable personal cellular telephone for emergency contact.

6. Access to the Range for hunting is allowed only through the electronic gates at Small Missile Range and Tularosa, and through the manned gate at Stallion Range Center. Hunters entering the Range through the electronic gates must contact SD at 678-1234 prior to entering and immediately after exiting the Range. Hunters are required to have their Range badges, hunting permits, UXO cards or proof of training, driver's licenses, vehicle registration, proof of vehicle insurance, and NMDGF hunting license upon entering the Range. Permitted hunters must also have a copy of the hunting policies and hunt map. Off-road vehicular travel and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use is prohibited, unless authorized in accordance with WSMRR 190-1. Permitted hunters and guests must exit the Range through the gate from which they entered.

7. Hunters are required to designate hunt areas in which they plan to hunt. Only two adjacent hunt areas can be designated at any given time. Changes in hunt areas may occur only after the guard at the entrance gate has approved the change in person, or by telephone, or the change is approved through the Security Directorate at 678-1234.

8. Authorized hunters are allowed access to the Range for the purpose of hunting only. Hunting dogs are allowed as long as proof of vaccination is provided for each animal. All hunters and guests are required to wear at least 400 sq. in. of hunter's orange clothing while in the field. Collection, vandalism, and theft of historic or prehistoric artifact items or structures, metal detecting, wood cutting, mineral and fossil collection, the collection of animals or plant materials, and/or the harassment of wildlife are prohibited by federal law and Army regulation. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Possession, consumption, or hunting under the influence of alcohol is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of a weapon within 150 meters of any occupied or test related structure, and photography while on the Range are also prohibited.

9. Any violation of this guidance, or any other applicable law or regulation, shall result in automatic revocation of hunting privileges or prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or any other applicable federal or state laws or regulations.

10. For additional information concerning recreational hunting procedures, please contact the Security Directorate at 678-4477, or the Environment and Safety Directorate, Environmental Stewardship Division, at 678-2224.

11. This guidance supersedes CG-24-00, dated 22 Aug 00.

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Hunting Map

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